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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 for the above-referenced application. The following Amendment and Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action, thus placing the application in condition for allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: